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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR AS ID
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK

1. ON APRIL 23 I HAD OPPORTUNITY ASK AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT ABOUT VISIT APRIL 14-17 OF FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK TO INDONESIA.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT DESPITE "TIGHT ROPE" PEACOCK WAS FORCED TO WALK ON TIMOR ISSUE, VISIT HAD GONE WELL. EMPHASIS OF MOST DISCUSSION WITH INDONESIAN MINISTERS WAS ON BILATERAL COOPERATION IN ECEONOMIC ASSISTANCE, TRADE, AND SECURITY AFFARIS.

3. ON TIMOR FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK HAD BEEN FRANK IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN OUTLINING AUSTRALIAN CONCERNS BUT HAD BEEN RESTRAINED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS. (FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY THAT MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF TALKS WAS AGREEMENT BY BOTH SIDES THAT, WHILE DIF-FERENCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT EXIST, GOOD RELATIONS
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MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR SAKE OF FUTURE. ACCORDING SAME

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SOURCE ON SUBJECT OF TIMOR, GOI RECOGNIZED INTERNAL
POLTICAL PRESSURES IN AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIA URGED THAT
PGET BE ENCOURAGED VISIT AUSTRALIA AS BALANCE TO FRETILIN
INFLUENCE.)

4. WOOLCOTT SAID PEACOCK AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK HAD
ALSO DISCUSSED PAPUA NEW GUINEA. PEACOCK HAD MENTIONED
CNCERN IN SOME AUSTRALIAN AND PNG CIRCLES THAT INDONESIAN
ACTION IN TIMOR MAY BE REVIEW OF SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST
PNG. MALIK, IN RESPONSE, SAID THIS WAS MOST UNLIKELY
BECAUSE SITUATIONS WERE VERY DIFFERENT. PNG WAS VIABLE
COUNTRY AND NOT CONSIDERED PART OF INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO.
MOREOVER, INDONESIA VALUED AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN PNG AND
CONSIDERED IT MOST IMPORTANT BOTH TO MAINTAIN THIS INTEREST
AND TO MAINTAIN GOOD INDONESIAN-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS.NEWSOM

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